

Subject: Re: fyi-contacting street services about sprinklers
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To clarify, the reason the Westchester BID does not currently maintain the medians has nothing to do with unions. There is a legal preexisting contract for this service and we are trying our best to make a rare exception for the BID to gain this contract instead.

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Sent: Tue May 24 17:43:42 2011
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Hi Barbara...

I received your message about the sprinkler problem in the grass medians on Sepulveda. Unfortunately, until the Council Office can arrange for the BID to be the City's maintenance contractor for these medians, there is nothing the BID or its contractors can do to correct such problems even though we'd like to. John & I have been pulling our hair out in frustration over this silly situation but we are having to rely on Mark Grant and Nate Kaplan from the Council Office to correct this situation internally. I believe they are doing everything they can to assist. I think it must serve the City's unionized employee group's efforts to retailliate for budget cuts and drag this simply resolved community service problem out and make it as difficult as possible to correct. I guess the message is that the unions run the City, not our elected Council Members. It's really sad.

Thanks for trying to help. Mark's and Nate's email addresses are listed above.

On Tue, May 24, 2011 at 5:02 PM, Nate Kaplan <nate.kaplan@lacity.org> wrote:

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